agencies in Keonjhar district of Orissa during the last three years; year-wise; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The information is not available with the Government.

Indo-Pak Pact on Rail Communication

1752. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pak pact on rail communication has been signed in July 1991; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 'The Agreement relating to Rail Communication between India and Pakistan—1991' has been extended for a further period of 3 years upto 7-7-94. This Agreement provides for continued running of the daily passenger train between Amritsar and Lahore for the journey of the international passengers and regular exchange of freight traffic between the two countries.

Officers of NTPC involved in Corruption

1753. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given on September 4, 1990 and March 5, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 4452 and Unstarred Question No. 1475 respectively regarding officers of NTPC involved in corruption and state:

(a) the names of erring officers of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and the details of major penalty proceedings initiated against them since January 11, 1990 and the out-come thereof;

(b) the steps taken to recover the amount by Government from the erring officers;

(c) whether the firm Modern Insulators Ltd. continued their supplies to the NTPC directly as well as through third parties like Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited etc. after January 11, 1990; and

(d) if so, the details that of and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) Major penalty proceedings have been initiated against S/Shri Parmeshwar Prasad and S. K. Dua, officials of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

The type of penal action and the question of recovery of any amount from the officials can be considered after completion of the enquiry.

The NTPC has not placed any order on the firm after 11-1-90. Supplies for some 400 KV Bus Post Insulators were made by the firm for the contracts placed earlier. The following supplies have been made by the firm as sub-contractors to BHEL, etc.:

(i) 400/200 KV Long Road Insulators — 372 nos.

(ii) 400/200 KV Bus Post Insulators — 44 nos.

(ii) Support Insulators — 43 nos.

Steam Coal Requirement of Industries in Gujarat

1754. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat gets adequate steam-coal as per the requirement for its industries;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the closure of industries due to shortage of steam-coal and to stop unemployment likely to arise due to the closure of such industries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is shortfall in supply of steam coal to industries in Gujarat because more coal has to be moved by Railways to high priority core sectors like power, cement, steel, railway, fertilizer etc.

(c) In order to meet the demand of non-core sector industrial consumers, the Ministry of Coal have issued instructions to all coal companies under Coal India Limited that the requirement of these industries must be met at least to the extent of 50% of linkage by rail or by road. This will improve the position of supply considerably.

Additional Station at Surat

1755. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved the construction of an additional station on eastern side of Surat railway station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In order to relieve congestion, Platform No. 4 has been constructed recently on eastern side. Work of provision of a booking office on eastern side has been included in the Works Programme. This facility will become operational when the Surat Municipal Corporation provides an approach road on eastern side. No additional building is proposed to be constructed at present.

International Flights from Thiruvananthapuram Airport

1756. SHRI A. CHARLES:
PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the additional facilities provided to the Thiruvananthapuram airport after it was declared as an international airport;

(b) whether this airport has the required facilities for the landing and take-off of all types of aircraft at present; and

(c) if not, the details of additional facilities proposed to be provided during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 250 new passenger baggage trolleys have been provided. A doctor has been appointed on part-time basis to provide first aid to passengers and the visitors.

(b) No, Sir. This Airport has at present the required facilities to handle only up to Airbus 300/310 type aircraft.

(c) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has identified the land required to extend the existing runway which is at present 9500 ft. long. The Government of Kerala is being requested to acquire this land and provision of Rs. 1.85 crores has been made in the current year for this purpose. Besides this, IAAI has made a provision of Rs. 6.15 crores in its budget of 1991-92 for completion of civil works such as the extension of the departure holding area, airconditioning of the departure holding area, provision of escalators and extension of apron nad taxi track, as well as for new equipment such as crash fire tenders, LCD flight information display boards, and a new CCTV system with coloured monitors.